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REPLY TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed October 2, 2001, Applicants elect thiol as the nucleophile, acrylate as the conjugated unsaturated component, and sensitive biological molecules as the additional component. Enclosed is a petition to extend the period for replying for one month, to and including December 3, 2001. If there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 3, 2001

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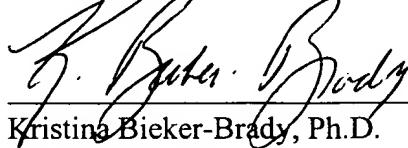
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The attached Petition for Extension of Time, Reply to Species Election Requirement, check no. 11385 in the amount of \$55.00, and return postcard was deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on December 3, 2001, and addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231. The package was returned to our office on February 22, 2002, for unknown reasons.

Applicants respectfully request that this correspondence be accepted by the Examiner without any further fees due.

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